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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF SE-5J

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VIA FACSIMILE (312) 744-6451 AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Eamon Reilly
City of Chicago Department of Environment
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60602-2575

RE: Lindsay Right of Way Permit Moratorium System – Addresses and Permits, etc.

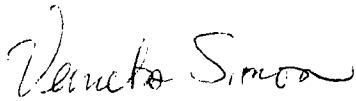
Dear Mr. Reilly:

As we discussed yesterday, it is U.S. EPA's understanding that both sides of any street subject to the moratorium were included in the moratorium database system. As you may recall, several years ago we met with the Chicago Department of Transportation's computer database manager to ensure that addresses along both sides of any designated street including the opposing intersection corners would be captured by the computer system. Therefore, please consider this letter our written request to include both sides of the street including the opposing intersection corners of all streets included in the moratorium.

Additionally, U. S. EPA seeks to confirm that Harbor Permits and Building Demolition Permits are included in the permit moratorium database system. Two recent events highlight the need for including these other types of permits. In 2007, pursuant to a Harbor Permit, but without U.S. EPA knowledge, directional drilling occurred onto DuSable Park by a cable pushed under the Ogden Slip near a mound that we later discovered material as high as 440 picoCuries per gram (pCi/g) total radium. Our clean-up level is 7.1 pCi/g total radium. Fortunately, the cable was pushed, so no contamination left DuSable Park. Also, more recently in 2008, the property owner and environmental consultant for 630 North McClurg Court, the current CBS 2 facility, took your advice and contacted U.S. EPA regarding plans to demolish and build a high-rise. This contact has allowed for a dialogue with the property owner and an opportunity for U.S. EPA to express its interest in the demolition and future testing at the property.

The above two incidences illustrate the need to include Harbor Permits and Building Demolition Permits in the moratorium database system. Please confirm that the City will update the database system to include Harbor and Building Demolition Permits, as well as, both sides of all streets, including opposing corners, subject to the moratorium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Verneta Simon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Verneta Simon
On-Scene Coordinator

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